

BERNERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bernera Community Centre
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Great Bernera
Isle of Lewis
HS2 9LT

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2026

CHAIR:	Norma Macleod
TREASURER:	Iso Macdonald (Co-opted)
MINUTE SECRETARY:	Carolyn Prosser
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Callum Macaulay, Careen MacLennan (co-opted), Catherine Macaulay, Chrissie Macdonald, Detta Macleod, Ella Macaulay Fraser, Glynis Davis, Jess Macaulay, Joanna George, John Latimir, Karina Macaulay and Matt Locke
BCA ADMINISTRATOR	Victoria Rudge
IN ATTENDANCE:	Norma, Callum, Careen, Carolyn, Catherine, Chrissie, Detta, Ella (via phone link for the beginning of tonight's meeting), Glynis, John and Karina. Also in attendance were Mark Jones and Victoria Rudge.

Before the formal business of the meeting commenced, Norma reported that the BCA had been served with a Writ on behalf of local resident, Claire Kellerman (following a wrongful claim she had previously instigated against the Great Bernera Community Development Trust). After discussion, a unanimous decision was taken to defend this action.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Iso, Jess, Joanna and Matt.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the BCA Meeting dated 8 April 2026 were approved (proposed by Karina and seconded by Glynis).

3. FINANCE

In Iso's absence, Norma reported that the current Management Accounts were being prepared.

4. FUNDING

- (a) **THE ROBERTSON TRUST:** Norma had previously reported that an application had been made to the Robertson Trust which, if successful, would be used to support the cost of utilities. On-going.
- (b) **CROWN ESTATE:** Norma reported that following a meeting with the GBCDT on Thursday 16 April, when a proposal for further Crown Estate Funding to cover the on-going support costs for the positions of BCA Administrator and Maintenance/Handy Person was discussed, an application has now been prepared. If successful, this will cover circa 75% of costs.
- (c) **GIFT AID:** An application for the BCA to be registered with Gift Aid has been made. This has a six-week lead time. On-going.

- (d) **COMMUNITY-LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (CLLD):** An application for the current round of funding is being prepared.
- (e) **LOGANAIR - GREENSKIES COMMUNITY FUND:** Local Resident, Brenda Jones, has made an application on behalf of the BCA
- (f) **HITRANS COMMUNITY CYCLE PARKING GRANT:** Brenda Jones has also made an application for the installation of 4 bike stands at the Community Centre.

5. REPORTS

- (a) **PIER WASHING MACHINES:** Callum reported that these machines are now operational. Kath MacDonald is liaising with the GBCDT in regard to the associated paperwork.
- (b) **SECURITY CAMERAS FOR COMMUNITY HALL:** Mark to oversee the installation of the “ring-bell” systems at the front and rear back doors. A further system (capable of two-way communication) to be installed at the fuel pumping station.

Mark gave an update on the following:

- (a) Poly Tunnel: The preparation works still required before the new sheeting can be put on.
- (b) Playpark Equipment: Mark to review and check the safety and viability of existing playpark equipment. Vic to ascertain from those parents who attend the Little Fishes Group how the new equipment should be best utilised for future use. Redundant equipment to be removed. On-going.
- (c) Entertainment License: Mark is working with Vic with a view to having all requirements compliant in order to apply for the renewal of the current license. On-going.

6. BERNERA BULLETIN/FUTURE EVENT ARRANGEMENTS

Where applicable, flyers will be distributed and all upcoming events will be listed on the BCA Facebook Page and published in the Bernera Bulletin. These to include:

- **MUSIC NIGHT:** Saturday 16 May
- **RACE NIGHT:** Saturday 20 June
- **MEAL NIGHT:** Saturday 25 July
- **GUY FAWKES/FIREWORKS:** Thursday 5 November
- **BIG BREAKFAST:** Saturday 21 November
- **OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Saturday 19 December
- **HOGMANNAY:** Thursday 31 December

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

BACK DROP MURAL FOR THE LARGE HALL: Karina had previously suggested that photos (kindly donated by Sandie Maciver) from the 2024 Bernera Riot Commemorative Walk be turned into a mural to decorate the back wall of the large hall. This suggestion was welcomed and Stuart Sutherland would be asked to quote for such print work. On-going.

FUEL PUMP: As previously reported, it was agreed there was a need to have a phone contact for the fuel pumps. Need to set up a mobile phone and a rota system for those who can be contacted in case of issues. Callum will look at putting a USB plug in both the café and office for phone charging. Need to check if café/shop volunteers will be happy to man the phone during café/shop opening hours. Fuel pump training £45.00 plus VAT. Mark has completed the training. On-going.

QR CODES: Mark reported that he had undertaken some research into providers of QR Codes (which would, when operational, hopefully encourage more visitors to make donations towards the running and maintenance of the Community Centre).

YOUTH CLUB ROOM: Mark reported that the painting has now been completed with materials he was able to source via a donation.

ELECTRIC BIKES: The continuing viability of the E-Bikes to be established. On-going.

COMMUNITY HALL LEAFLET: Karina (in Jess's absence) put forward a suggestion for the creation of a leaflet which detailed the rich and varied history of the Community Hall. This was approved unanimously. On-going.

GYM: An order for new gym equipment is to be made by the end of May. In the meantime, redundant equipment to be removed.

Tonight's meeting concluded at 8.45 pm

Next meeting scheduled for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10 June 2026